



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5340

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY-RELATED JOBS TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an energy-
2 related jobs task force to study (1) strategies for developing the state's
3 energy-related jobs marketplace and workforce, (2) policies or
4 programs to promote energy efficient buildings, and (3) methods to
5 generate more consumer demand for energy efficiency programs. Such
6 study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of
7 growth in energy-related jobs, economic development, workforce
8 development, research and development, and information sharing by
9 and among manufacturers and institutions of higher education.

10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
12 one of whom shall have experience in energy efficiency and one of
13 whom shall have experience in labor;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
15 of whom shall have experience in alternative energy and one of whom
16 shall have experience in workforce development;

17 (3) A representative of a private university engaged in clean energy
18 or energy efficiency research and development appointed by the

19 majority leader of the House of Representatives;

20 (4) A representative of a state university appointed by the majority
21 leader of the Senate;

22 (5) A representative of a manufacturer appointed by the minority
23 leader of the House of Representatives;

24 (6) A representative of a technology firm appointed by the minority
25 leader of the Senate;

26 (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
27 or the commissioner's designee;

28 (8) The executive director of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,
29 or the executive director's designee;

30 (9) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

31 (10) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
32 the commissioner's designee;

33 (11) The chairperson of the board of directors of the Clean Energy
34 Finance and Investment Authority; and

35 (12) Six persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom has
36 experience in private research and development, one of whom has
37 experience with private financing, one of whom has experience in
38 energy and environmental policy research and development in the
39 area of job creation, one of whom has experience in consumer rights
40 and utility rates, one of whom is a representative of a nonprofit
41 community-based organization with a mission to promote
42 neighborhood-based economic development or provide services to
43 low-income residents and one of whom is a representative of
44 community colleges.

45 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
46 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member

47 of the General Assembly.

48 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
49 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
50 filled by the appointing authority.

51 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
52 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
53 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
54 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
55 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

56 (f) The Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority shall,
57 within available appropriations, provide administrative support to the
58 task force.

59 (g) Not later than January 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a
60 report on its findings and recommendations, including, but not limited
61 to, any recommendations regarding legislative initiatives for forming
62 public policy encouraging an energy-related jobs marketplace and
63 workforce, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
64 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, in accordance with
65 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force
66 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1,
67 2013, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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